(a) a caste-war statement of the members of the backward classes who have been entertained by the Government during the last 5 years;

(b) were there any sort of communication issued by the Government to Heads of Departments and offices to prefer applicants from a particular community or communities amongst the backward classes in the matter of appointments to the lower grades of the service;

(c) if the answer to (b) be in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state the names of these communities and the reason why such preference was shown?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) A statement containing the information so far collected is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

(b) Yes.

(c) Ezhuvas. The order was issued as the result of a memorial submitted by them to His Highness the Maharaja, Government having been satisfied that their case deserved consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With reference to the answer to sub-division (c), may I know whether the Government has any objection to make the order generally applicable to all the backward communities?

President.—Have you finished putting the question? If you have, please sit down.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—There is the order issued. I did not understand the question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—My information is that that one refers to Ezhuvas only. What I want to know is whether there is any objection for making that order generally applicable to all backward communities? Now it is seen that it is applicable to one particular community only.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That order cannot be made generally applicable. If there is necessity, fresh orders will have to be issued. That order was issued in connection with a memorial submitted by a particular community—the Ezhuva community.

Appointments on Rs. 100 and above and promotions to officers.

612. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a statement containing the following particulars, namely, the names of all officers who were given promotions or newly appointed in service during the last 5 years on posts carrying a pay of Rs. 100 and above?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government regret that no further information than what is available in the *Civil Lists* of the last 5 years can be furnished.

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